

REMARKS:Status

After this response, claims 31 to 38, 40 to 50, and 57 to 60 are pending. Claims 31, 34, 43, and 57 to 60 have been amended, and claim 39 has been cancelled. Claims 31 and 43 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 31 to 37, 40 to 50, 53, 57, and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,761,669 (Montague). Claims 38, 39, 59, and 60 were rejected under § 103(a) over Montague in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,893,086 (Schmuck).

Examiner Interview

Applicants' representative Dane C. Butzer conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner on Aug. 30, 2005. Proposed claim language was discussed during the interview. This claim language included the feature of "mapping access control limits in another one of said plurality of security styles into said first security style for accesses to said file, wherein said mapping is static for validation of said access control limits and dynamic for reading or modification of said access control limits." Agreement was reached that this feature was not taught by the currently applied art. The Examiner indicated that upon receipt of a response that amended the claims to include this feature, a new search would be performed for the case.

Amendments

Applicants have amended independent claims 31 and 43 to include a feature along the lines of that discussed during the telephonic interview. Applicants note that the actual claim amendments differ slightly from the proposed claim language, primarily for reasons of clarity. Conforming amendments have also been made to certain of the dependent claims.

In view of these amendments and in light of the telephonic interview, the pending claims are now believed to be allowable over the applied art. Such an indication is respectfully requested.

No Admission

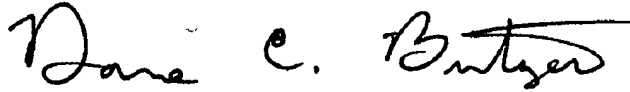
Applicants' decision not to argue each of the dependent claims separately is not an admission that the subject matter of those claims is taught by the applied art.

Closing

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dane C. Butzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dane" being the most prominent.

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